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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 38 as indicated.

Clean version of claim 38 is presented below:

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CLAIM 38. (amended twice) A worm/worm gear assembly, comprising:
a worm; and
a worm gear, said worm gear being engaged in double flank
contact with said worm such that a first contact area between a tooth of said worm and a
tooth of said worm gear is smaller in size at a low load condition than a second contact
area is at a higher load condition, and such that said first contact area at said low-load
condition increases to form said second contact area at said higher load condition.